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Between uses, the defibrillator performs daily, weekly, and monthly self-tests of its electrical components, subsystems, and battery to help ensure continued reliability and readiness. A pads integrity test, which checks daily that the cartridge is properly installed and that the defibrillator pads are in working order, provides an additional level of assurance.

As long as the green "Ready" light on the defibrillator is blinking, you can be certain the HeartStart OnSite is ready for use. If any part of the defibrillator needs attention, the "Ready" light turns off and the defibrillator "chirps" to alert you. Pressing the flashing blue "Information" button provides verbal guidance to help you identify and correct the situation.

Thanks to Philips HeartStart Defibrillators for the data and information provided to support this article. To learn more about Philips HeartStart Defibrillators, or other technical information regarding AEDs, visit their website at:

<http://www.medical.philips.com/main/products/resuscitation/products/onsite> .

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